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Storm damage on Hill Road in Tilton from the July 4th microburst.

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MICROBURST CRUSHES CARS, DAMAGES HOMES IN TILTON – Mother Nature set off some fireworks of her own on the July 4th holiday. A line of thunderstorms moved through the state during the afternoon, bringing high winds and heavy downpours. In Tilton, the storm triggered a microburst on Hill Road that toppled trees onto cars and homes. No one was injured but 12 people had to spend the night at a local hotel because of damage to their homes. The National Weather Service said the winds probably reached 80 mph, with the heaviest damage in an area 1,500 feet by 500 feet. The storm also knocked out power to about 2,000 utility customers in the Lakes Region and three people in Laconia were slightly injured when lightning struck near them during a holiday cookout. Another apparent microburst struck Hopkinton on July 17, damaging cars and knocking out power. No injuries were reported.

N.H. HAS PERFECT SCORE ON MED DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM – New Hampshire scored an overall 100 percent on the annual evaluation of its Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) distribution system. SNS is a federal program that would rush vaccines, medicines and medical supplies to parts of the country where they are needed in the event of a sudden disease outbreak or other public health emergency, whether natural or human-caused. States are required to have systems in place to receive, store, distribute and protect the emergency supplies. In an evaluation conducted on May 30 by the Centers for Disease Control's Division of State and Local Readiness, New Hampshire achieved its 100 percent rating for the first time. The evaluation, known as a Technical Assistance Review (TAR), covered areas including procedures for Receipt, Staging and Storage, Inventory Management, Repackaging, and Distribution. The medical supplies would be distributed in New Hampshire through the 15 public health regions.

Taking part in the TAR were: HSEM, DHHS's Emergency Services Unit, National Guard, State Police and the U.S. Marshal Service.

SBA LOANS AVAILABLE FOR NON-PROFITS – Private Non-Profit Organizations (PNPs) in Cheshire County may be eligible for low interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration resulting from damages caused by severe storms and flooding that occurred on May 29 - 31, 2012. Eligible PNPs include food kitchens, homeless shelters, museums, libraries, community centers, schools and colleges. They may apply to borrow up to \$2 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory and other business assets. The SBA also offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans to help meet working capital needs, such as ongoing operating expenses to PNPs of all sizes. Interest rates are as low as 3 percent with terms up to 30 years. The SBA sets the loan amounts and terms based on each applicant's financial condition.

Disaster loan information and application forms may be obtained by calling the SBA's Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955. Applications may also be completed online at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/>. The filing deadline to return applications for physical property damage is **August 14, 2012**. The deadline to return economic injury applications is **March 15, 2013**.

NHDART JOINS VOLUNTEER NH - At a recent ceremony held at Volunteer NH headquarters in Concord the N.H. Disaster Animal Response Team, (NHDART) joined the family of VNH programs in an effort to provide a greater animal response capability during disasters. NHDART was established to coordinate public and private programs to promote effective animal response prior to, during, and after a disaster or emergency at all levels of government. As a standing committee of VNH, it will now gain access to more than 4,000 volunteers currently serving or collaborating in various programs administered through Volunteer NH. Since its formation in 2000, Volunteer NH has been promoting the tradition of volunteer service throughout New Hampshire. In addition, VNH has a significant responsibility in providing volunteers in response to local or state disasters. Its Disaster Service branch includes administration of the N.H. Citizen Corps which coordinates over 25 Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT), and N.H. Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster Committee (VOAD), composed of more than 30 state and national organizations.

For more information about Volunteer NH or New Hampshire Disaster Animal Response Team please visit www.volunteernh.org, www.newhampshiredart.org, or call VNH at 603-271-7200.

STATE RESPONDS TO HEPATITIS C OUTBREAK - The N.H. Division of Public Health, assisted by HSEM and other state and local agencies, is preparing to set up a series of clinics to test people treated at Exeter Hospital for Hepatitis C. A former technician at the hospital has been arrested on drug and other charges. The suspect is believed to be the source of the disease. Public Health Director Dr. Jose Montero says about 6,000 patients who had surgery or were admitted to the Intensive Care Unit at the hospital between April 1, 2011, and May 25, 2012, may have been exposed, but the chances of anyone contracting the disease are very small. The clinics will be held at Exeter High School on July 28 and 29, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. and July 30 and 31, noon-8 p.m. For more information on Hepatitis C call the state Public Health Hotline at 1-800-852-3345, ext. 4496.

GRAY WEATHER RADAR TO BE UPGRADED – The National Weather Service Doppler radar station in Gray, Maine, KGYX, is being upgraded to use a new technology known as Dual Polarization. The new technology involves improvements to hardware and software. It will greatly enhance the radar by providing the ability to collect data on the horizontal and vertical properties of weather (e.g., rain, hail) and non-weather (e.g., insect, ground clutter) targets. Installation and testing of the new equipment is expected to begin July 25 and continue for 10 days. During that time radar data from Gray will not be available. Radar data from National Weather Service offices in Caribou, Maine; Taunton, Mass; and Burlington, Vt., will be available for coverage.

FIRE ACADEMY OFFERS EM COURSES – The N.H. Fire Academy is offering two courses of interest to emergency management, public works, water and wastewater treatment plant staff and building inspectors in August and September. *Resource Inventory Management for Rural Communities* (MGT.339) will help participants address resource inventory practices and to develop effective strategies and tools to create a community-wide resource inventory. Prerequisites include ICS100, ICS200. It will be taught at the North Country Health Consortium in Littleton on Aug. 3 and at the Concord Fire Department on Aug. 4. Register online at www.nhnoodle.nh.gov, click on the Resource Center, Event Registration and scroll to the course announcement.

The second course is *Incident Command Systems Forms Review* (MGT.347). It covers forms used in the creation of an Incident Action Plan (IAP), including the primary and supporting utility forms. Prerequisites include ICS100, ICS200 and ICS700. The course will be offered in four locations: Monadnock Community Hospital in Peterborough on Sept. 24, Lincoln Town Hall on Sept. 25, Portsmouth Fire Station #2 on Sept. 26 and at the Manchester Fire Department on Sept. 27. To register go to www.nh.govsafety/divisions/fstems. There is no fee for either course.

FIREFIGHTER APPRECIATION NIGHT - The New Hampshire Fisher Cats baseball team will host Firefighter Appreciation Night on July 31, 2012, 7:05 p.m. The game will be between the Fisher Cats and the Erie Sea Wolves at the Northeast Delta Dental Stadium in Manchester. A portion of ticket proceeds will benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

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